

REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF POLICE.

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*To the Honorable, the Mayor*

*and City Council :*

The Board of Police of the city of Baltimore have the honor, in obedience to the provisions of Sec. 821 of the 4th Article of the Code of Public Local Laws, to report :

That the Commissioners, named in Section 807 of said article, met on the 6th day of February last, and organized the Board of Police by taking and subscribing the several oaths prescribed by law. His Honor, the Mayor of the city, had been invited to attend the meeting, but he declined to do so, or to recognize the Board as clothed with any lawful authority ; as he was advised by counsel, that the act creating the Board was unconstitutional, and therefore void. The Marshal and Deputy Marshal of the City Police, in like manner, refused to attend upon or pay obedience to the orders of the Board, alleging that they considered themselves as acting under the authority of the Mayor and City Council. Under these circumstances, the Board, whilst taking measures to procure, with as little delay as practicable, a decision by the proper judicial tribunals of the important questions at issue, deemed it their duty to forbear any other attempt, to exercise in the meanwhile the high power vested in them. Proceedings were accordingly instituted, in the mode designated by the law ; and the counsel for the city having expressed their de-